

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to **MEND** and **FORGIVE!***

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, February 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 20**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 21**

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22**

8:30 a.m. Bob Mack +

Gene & Emily Hullinger +

Kevin Nartker +

**Friday, February 23**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 24**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +

Dick Murphy +

**Sunday, February 25**

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +

11:00 a.m. Marcus Roof +

Jim Ladden +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, February 18**

**Holy Name Father/Son Breakfast in the Parish Hall**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

**Monday, February 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Memorial Mass

**Tuesday, February 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar Society will meet to pray Rosary in Church, followed by lunch at the Eagles

**Wednesday, February 21**

Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

**Friday, February 23**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church

**Saturday, February 24**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 25**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. Feb. 1st week	\$ 12,680.44	\$ 8,951.05
On-line: \$ 1,295.00		
# of Envelopes	282	202
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 348,859.07</b>	<b>\$ 354,805.42</b>



# LENT 2018

**6:00 p.m. every  
Friday during  
Lent**

- We will begin with the Special Stations of the Cross
- We will then listen to the Lenten talk
- Finally, we will close with a Lenten Blessing

*Please join us  
for our  
Mini-Mission  
each Friday  
during Lent.*



## “WALKING WITH CHRIST AND WITH EACH OTHER”

St. Gerard Church ~ Fridays of Lent ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

*We walk with Christ along the way of the Cross and listen to speakers who lead us into a deeper understanding of the deep love of Christ who calls us to love and serve and walk with each other.*

*Father,  
Help me to see  
this holy season of  
Lent a time of  
spiritual renewal,  
rather than a time of  
deprivation.  
Motivate me  
to reach a new level  
of experiencing  
your grace.*



**MARCH 9**  
Pastor Mike Hughes  
St. Luke's Lutheran  
Church

### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD WAY OF THE CROSS:**

An intense look into the suffering of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. Keen insights into the experience of Christ, our own experience and that of our world.

**FEBRUARY 23**  
Sr. Leanne Kerschner,  
OSF, St. Gerard Church

### **ST. JOHN PAUL II'S WAY OF THE CROSS:**

John Paul II, who bore his own cross so bravely, leads us in a new form of the stations with true insight into Christ's suffering and shows us how to bravely carry our own.

**MARCH 16**  
Fr. Mike Houston  
St. Gerard Church

### **A FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS:**

We meditate on family life and carrying our crosses. In meditating on Jesus' cross, we find inspiration to strengthen our families and increase our love and affirmation.

**MARCH 2**  
Pastor Emily Hedrick  
Lima Mennonite Church

### **EVERYONE'S WAY OF THE CROSS:**


This way of the Cross helps us see Christ suffering in so many people in our world. We ask ourselves; "Do we walk with Christ as He walks with the suffering people of our world?"

**MARCH 23**  
Fr. Mike Sergi  
St. Gerard Church

### **LIVING STATIONS ~ YOUTH GROUP:**

High School students of our parish will act out the Stations of the Cross. Christ speaks. Our young people respond.


## MEMORIAL MASS



*St. Gerard Widows/Widowers Support Group would like to invite all widows and widowers from the Lima area to a special Memorial Mass in honor of their spouses on Monday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Gerard Church, Lima.*

*Following the Mass, we will gather at the Parish Hall to share a meal and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken.*

*Please come and honor your Valentine with us.*



## **ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:**

The ladies of our Rosary/Altar Society will be gathering to pray the rosary together on Tuesday, February 20th at noon in church. Following the rosary, they will go to the Eagles for lunch. All women of the parish are invited!

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC**

### **APPEAL:**

Our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is in full swing. What is the purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal? Funds generated will provide the services and programs needed for the materials, education, and spiritual needs of God's people in the Diocese of Toledo. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of parishes and Catholic agencies that promote the gospel message and provides resources to assist the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and disenfranchised, the uneducated and undereducated and those who find themselves in desperate situations. It is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo to join together to express their solidarity with the Church and the Bishop by making a freewill contribution to help carry on the important work Christ has entrusted to us as God's stewards. Please be as generous as your means allow.

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

If you would like to have a copy of your 2017 contributions to St. Gerard Church, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to mail you a copy. Thank you.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### ***LENT BY CANDLELIGHT***

**Date: Monday, March 12, 2018**

**Time: 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall**

**Speaker: Fr. Mike Sergi**

***All women are invited!***





### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**FEBRUARY:** Month dedicated to the Holy Family.

### **Holy Father's prayer intentions for February:**

UNIVERSAL: SAY NO TO CORRUPTION. That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### **EXTENDED ADORATION HOURS FOR LENT:**



For Lent, St. Gerard will be offering extended Adoration hours every Thursday. The extended hours will be from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. We hope you will come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet will be placed near the baptismal font for those who wish to sign-up for allotted times. We would like to have 2 people per hour. We appreciate those that can give their time for this devotion.

### **LENTEN PROJECT THEME ~ "SACRIFICE WITH A PURPOSE":**

This year, St. Gerard Church is participating in "**Mary's Meals**" as our Lenten Project. You may notice the "lunch box" that is near the altar. This is where the children and adults will be placing their donations to help those in need.

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. The idea is a simple one that works. We provide one daily meal in a place of learning in order to attract chronically poor children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

The average worldwide cost for us to feed a child for a whole year is just \$19.50. Where Mary's Meals is provided, there is a rise in school enrollment, attainment and attendance. Whenever possible, Mary's Meals uses locally grown food to support the local economy and help smallholder farmers. To find out more, go to [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org).

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, February 24:**

5:00 p.m. *W. Peebles, S. Tschuor, J. Wollf,  
M. Hinegardner, C. Diaz, M. Hinegardner,  
M. Hinds, C. Hinds, B. Flynn, L. Makley*

**Sunday, February 25:**

8:30 a.m. *M. King, T. Martin, S. Martin, M. Mays,  
L. Hahn, N. Jenkins, J. Place, T. Place,  
C. Wright, M. Hickey*

11:00 a.m. *K. Wreede, R. Carder, K. Spears,  
M. Spears, F. Thompson, R. Karbowiak,  
T. Meyer, S. Dew, F. Gallegos, S. Young*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 24:** 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

**Feb. 25:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*  
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowiak*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 24:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, D. Dawson, G. Langhal*

**Feb. 25:** 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller,  
M. Chambers*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Schultz, L. Wreede,  
S. Santaguida*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

*Helen Neise, Carol Helmig, Sue Nocera,  
Lisa Ruble*

**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHNS:**

All are invited to breakfast at St. John's, Lima on Sunday, March 4th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. Adults \$4 and children \$2. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.

**SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL:**

Today, February 18th, we will be having our second annual soup and sandwich meal fundraiser from 3:30-7:00 p.m. This will be held in Landeck at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church basement. All are invited.

**FIRST COMMUNION:**

Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion dresses and veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations from the sale supporting Holy Family Radio. The sale will be Tuesday, March 6th through Saturday March 10th. For more information call 419-538-7220.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

**"Patriotism" essays:**

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the rectory office. Essay deadline is February 26, 2018.

**SERRA CLUB:**

We would be glad to have you come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 22nd. Fr. Stephen Dos Santos, CPPS, Director of Vocations Ministry for the Precious Blood Order, will be speaking on "Understanding the Difference Between Diocesan and Religious Life." The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club. We will begin with Mass at LCC High School at 5:45. To make a reservation, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.



# OPEN HOUSE

1311 N. Main Street Lima, Ohio 45801 (419) 222-0431  
www.sgslima.org

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

### 12 P.M. – 2 P.M.



- ❖ Faith-based Curriculum
- ❖ Family-Oriented Environment
- ❖ Small Class Sizes
- ❖ Full Day 4-year Old Preschool
- ❖ Full Day Kindergarten
- ❖ 1 to 1 Technology (Chromebooks & iPads)
- ❖ After School Care
- ❖ Bussing
- ❖ Lego Club, Homework Club, & Science Club

**FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**